



From : Joe Dorward
Sent : 14 September 2013
To : David Frew (and others)
Subject : Linn of Dee, Friday 13th September

Gentlemen,

This is a rhetorical email - I do not expect a response.

David : I want to acknowledge that you and your team DESERVE great credit for considering low-impact logging methods (such as horse logging) on Mar Lodge Estate, and DOUBLY (if I understood correctly what Simon said yesterday) that you accepted his tender on a like-for-like basis with a mechanical-logging tender.

Adam : thank you for inviting me to join your field-trip to see aftermath of mechanical-logging methods at Dinnet and horse-logging methods at Linn of Dee, and for introducing me to Derek and Sandy - an absolute pleasure to meet them both.

Sandy : I am instinctively horrified by the aftermath of mechanical logging methods and understood instinctively that is was 'a bad thing'. Thank you for explaining the science behind this 'bad thing' and how mechanical-logging methods changes the woodland floor forever.

To summarise what I learned - I believe that Sandy and Simon together made-the-case for low impact timber extraction methods (such as horse-logging) for ecologically sensitive thinning. In various ways they made the point that, landowners who fail to understand (or who don't want to) the ecological damage caused by mechanical timber extraction suffer a real, long-term financial cost that outweighs the superficial, short-term financial benefit of employing mechanical timber extraction methods.

As Adam and Sandy said (and I paraphrase) the pinewood will continue to exist, but the ecology of the woodland floor will have been changed for ever.

It is worth emphasising, I think, that Sandy and Simon together made the-case for low-impact timber extraction methods (such as horse logging) in ecologically sensitive woodland.

Simon / David : I'd appreciate having advanced warning of when the horses will be used to remove logs from the wood.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet you all.

Joe